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RHEE BLUNTLY OPPOSES ENTRY OF INDIAN TROOPS

In his 19 June discussion with Ambassador Briggs, President Rhee bitterly denounced India and declared that it would be impossible to keep his people from attacking Indian troops as "Communists and enemies." He added that, in any case, the question was "academic" since he would not permit "even one Indian soldier to enter ROK territory in connection with the POWs."

Regarding his pledge to consult with the UN prior to taking independent action, Rhee stated that this assurance applied only to the removal of South Korean armed forces from the UN Command. Foreign Minister Pyun underlined Rhee's remarks, adding that the pledge did not refer to "general unilateral actions" and that the POW release was carried out by General Won "who is not subject to anybody's orders except President Rhee."

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